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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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REFERENCES

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1. Between 1 and 3 p.m. on 16 September, source observed flying by some MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks at Zerbst airfield. Between 3:30 and 6 p.m. on 20 September, source counted 12 MiG-15s at the field, including nine parked at the southwestern end of the runway and three in front of the middle hangar. About 5:30 p.m. on 22 September, four MiG-15s taxied to the eastern end of the runway and took off in rapid succession. The planes, which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks, [redacted] About 6:10 p.m., the planes landed again. The third plane failed to land at the first attempt and therefore touched ground after the fourth plane. After landing, the planes taxied to the hangars. About 5 p.m., 15 MiG-15s were counted at the field. On 23, 24 and 25 September, source observed intensive flying activity by jet fighters from Zerbst.

2. [redacted]

- * [redacted] Comment. Observation facilities at Zerbst airfield are restricted. It is therefore believed that not all of the aircraft stationed at the installation were observed. According to [redacted] 1 fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with MiG-15s are stationed at Zerbst.

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